Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: How many months more will it take, Sir, to find a house for them?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: If the Hon'ble Member can point out a house tomorrow I shall certainly recommend it to the Government to rent that house.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Will it cost much to put up quarters for them inside the hospitals? It won't cost more than Rs. 2,000.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Far more than that.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I will undertake to construct one for Rs. 2,000 or 2,500.

Mr. President: No doubt, the Chief Medical Officer will take note of the Hon'ble Member's offer (laughter).

GENERAL HOSPITAL—OPHTHALMIC SECTION—EQUIPMENTS AND ACCOMMODATION IN

21. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to inform whether the present equipments and premises of the Ophthalmic section of the General Hospital, Ernakulam, are adequate for the present needs of the public of Cochin;

(*b*) what is the number of in-patients that could be accommodated in the present premises;

(*c*) whether the present accommodation is adequate to house all those who come to the hospital for treatment as in-patients?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: (*a*) The present amenities available in the Ophthalmic Hospital are fairly adequate.

(*b*) 41.

(*c*) No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: In vew of answer to (c) will the Government see to it that some arragements are made to provide adequate facilities?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: This matter will be taken up when the conditions are more favourable.

HONORARY VISITORS TO MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS—FUNCTIONS OF

22. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Will Government be pleased to state the functions of Honorary Visitors in Medical Institutions?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: The Board of Honorary Visitors appointed by Government shall make their visits to the medical institution at least once in a quarter of an year. They have free access to all parts of the institution provided they cause no inconvenience to the normal work of the institution. They may record their impressions and suggestions in a special book kept for the purpose in the institution.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: May I know whether it is not by special invitation only that these honorary visitors pay visit to the institutions?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Honorary visitors may go to the hospitals whenever they like, but meeting of all the honorary visitors together is held as a rule only on special invitation.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: What I want to know is whether it is necessary that all the visitors should go in a body or not?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: That is so usually in the case of a meeting. It is in the nature of a board meeting.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: I am an honorary visitor of the Trichur hospital. Can I make a surprise visit?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Vesghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Surprise visit—I don't follow.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Can I go to the hospital at any time?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medieal Officer)*: The Hon'ble Member may visit at any time, provided of course his visit does not interfere with the working of the hospital.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: I hope I am not, expected to make operations.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Womens)*: Can they record their impressions and remarks in the book whenever they go? They are allowed to do so only at the meeting.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: That is the rule now.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women)*: But they are not allowed to record their impression at the time of the visit. They have to wait till the meeting.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: They can very well do it at the time of the meeting, or they can write to the Chief Medical Officer, or the Civil Surgeon in charge of the hospital.

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